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SUBJECT: BURMA: NLD LEARNS OF BAN VISIT - FROM THE MEDIA

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Classified By: Political Officer Sean K. O'Neill for Reasons 1.4 (b) & (d)

¶1. (C) On the morning of June 30, NLD spokesman Nyan Win told us neither the GOB nor UN had informed the party about a Ban visit or requested a meeting between Ban and NLD officials. However, Nyan Win was aware of press reports on the upcoming visit and commented that the NLD hopes it will have the chance to meet with Ban. (Note: In the past, the GOB normally has given the NLD no more than a couple of hours notice prior to meetings with Gambari).

Comment

¶2. (C) The GOB will no doubt try to keep the Secretary General's visit focused on its priorities -- creating a link between this trip and Ban's Nargis-specific (and apolitical) visits last year; highlighting the regime's "roadmap to democracy;" and, we expect, calling for an end to economic sanctions. Per usual, it looks like the GOB may keep trip details under wraps until the last minute, as it has with UN Special Envoy Gambari's visits. With less than 72 hours to go, it is more important than ever that the UNSYG and his Burma Country Team strive to keep the spotlight on Aung San Suu Kyi, political prisoners, and a genuine dialogue with the opposition and ethnic minorities, as the UN announcement of the trip did quite well.

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